

The Norfolk News

Old Probabilities is standing up for Nebraska.

This delightful growing weather is unfortunate for the calamity howler.

Bixby's "million dollar rains" are a frequent occurrence in this locality of late.

The czar's peace congress is in session and Spain has begun to build a new navy.

All the volunteers will be on their way home from the Philippines inside of sixty days.

Republicanism and prosperity are as synonymous terms as democracy and disaster. The people will not forget it.

Fifty thousand people will be employed in taking the national census and the estimated cost of doing it is \$10,000,000.

At the present time nobody is worrying over the gold reserve. There are \$226,000,000 in gold coin in the national treasury.

THE NEWS would respectfully suggest to the city council that the soil removed in grading down Aldermanic hill be used to fill up Corporation gulch.

Good crops in Nebraska this year mean republican majorities. The people enjoy good times and they always associate them with the party in power.

As showing the ante-sectarian tendencies of the times it is cited that there are 300 Catholic students in attendance upon the courses of Yale university.

Twenty million dollars worth of American bicycles have been exported. They are found in all parts of the world and the demand for them is constantly growing.

It is the opinion of those who have made a study of the matter that the time is not far distant when we shall be able to travel with comfort at a speed of 150 miles an hour on the railways of the country.

Mrs. George's experience in Ohio isn't encouraging to Miss Horlocker to take the lecture platform, if she should be acquitted of the crime charged against her. There are some things to be thankful for yet.

The winds of McKinley prosperity have blown through Ex-Senator Peffer's whiskers and he has renounced democracy and the devil and is once more clothed in his right mind. He avows his intention of voting the republican ticket henceforth.

In 1896 the whole country was wild with excitement over the scarcity of gold. Today, under a gold standard, the banks are burdened with it and the people are having to handle more of it than they like in the transaction of daily business. The "crime of '73" has sunk into innocuous desuetude and it would be difficult to rally a dozen men to listen to a discussion of the free silver question.

Mr. Bryan now has an invitation to a \$2 dinner at Chicago. Mr. Bryan is indeed fortunate to live under a republican administration which transforms conditions in three years so that soup houses for the masses have disappeared and in their place dollar, two-dollar and ten-dollar dinners have become popular. Such fads are only possible under a party that upholds the financial integrity of the nation.

An exchange says: "Some newspaper men are terrible liars. In writing of a cyclone out west one of them said it turned a well inside out, a cellar upside down, moved a township line, blew all the staves out of a whiskey barrel and left nothing but a bung-hole, changed the day of the week, blew the hair off a bald headed man, blew a mortgage off a farm, blew the cracks out of the fence and all the wind out of a populist."

During the year 1898 Uncle Sam issued more than 2,500,000,000 two-cent postage stamps. Enough one-cent postage stamps have been issued during the year 1898 to stretch from New York City, by way of Europe and Asia to Bombay, India, if arranged in one strip. If all the stamps of all denominations printed by the United States government in 1898 were placed one on top of the other, they would reach an elevation of 21 miles. The average amount spent by every man, woman and child in Massachusetts for stamps last year was \$2.30 while in South Carolina it was 25 cents. These figures only reveal to us something of the magnitude and progress of this nation.

The World-Herald recently made the observation that "you do not see so many radical McKinley traveling men these days. This is due, in large measure, to the fact that you do not see so many traveling men." Whereupon the Bee interviewed 23 of the leading wholesale concerns of Omaha and found that where they employed, in 1896, 174 traveling salesmen, they now employ 245. In addition to its assertion in regard to traveling men, the World-Herald said, "Thousands of bookkeepers, accountants, clerks and foremen, who shunned McKinley in 1896 are now realizing that the prosperity which they predicted

for all has skipped them." The Bee interviewed the same 23 concerns as regards the number of bookkeepers and clerks they employ and found that, while in 1896 the number of men thus hired by them was 590, they now keep busy 850. It is singular how little regard a popular organ has for facts. The World-Herald has so long fed on fancy and assertion that it can disregard truth and existing conditions with apparent placidity. But it will find that an intelligent people will not follow moles or bats as leaders. The people are prospering and they realize that it is Mr. McKinley and his party that paved the way for their prosperity.

The Proper Use of Property.
Theodore Roosevelt, governor of New York, is no demagogue. He caters to no class prejudice, but he is an honest, fearless, public official and his position, recently taken, that franchises should be taxed, will meet the hearty approval of his countrymen. At Buffalo the other night, in an address, he expressed himself in a refreshing manner about property and its proper use. It is little wonder that the American people have already come to the conclusion that in 1904 he will be the proper man to elect as president. Here are his words:

"On the one hand we have the perfectly simple savage, who believes that you should tax franchises to the extent of confiscating them, and that it is the duty of all railroad corporations to carry everybody free and give him a chromo. On the other hand we have the scarcely primitive mortals, who believe that there is something sacred in a franchise, and that there is no reason why it should pay its share of the burdens at all. Now, gentlemen, remember that the man who occupies the last position inevitably tends to produce the man who occupies the first position; and that the worst enemy of property is the man who, whether from unscrupulousness or from mere heedlessness and thoughtlessness, takes the ground that there shall be something sacred about all property; that the owners of it are to occupy a different position in the community from all others, and are to have their burdens not increased, but diminished because of their wealth. The rich man who buys a privilege from a board of aldermen for a railway which he represents, the rich man who gets a privilege through the legislature by bribery and corruption for any corporation, is committing an offense against the community which it is possible may some day have to be condoned for in blood and destruction, not by him, not by his sons, but by you and your sons. The proper use of property is to use it as an honest man would use his property in reference to his brother."

Difficulties do not Alter Duties.
The annual meeting of the Associated Press was held in Chicago May 17th. At the banquet in the evening St. Clair McKelway of the Brooklyn Eagle made the principal address. The Eagle is a democratic newspaper and its editor is recognized as one of the ablest newspaper men in the land. His words are the more significant as it cannot be charged against him that he seeks any favors at the hands of the present administration. Among other things he said:

"We could not leave Spain in the Philippines and could not restore the Philippines to Spain without making ourselves worse than Spain in history, and without putting or leaving a national enemy to work us harm in the very heart of the commercial world of the far east. I need not talk to those who think that the Filipinos are capable of self government. Men who can believe that can believe anything. The Filipinos comprise many tribes at odds with and strangers to one another, differing in religion, in language and in habits, and some of them have been left for centuries in the savagery of which head hunting and cannibalism are perhaps the mildest variations. The more intelligent of them who have unwisely confronted our troops are led by men who will be without occupation when they have no cause to sell and no government to market. Those who can regard them as heroes, patriots, as virtuous and intelligent, resemble the lecturer whose boast it was that he made his facts as he went along. All the evidence is against them."

"I take it, we are going to hold those islands. I doubt not we shall find difficulty. Difficulties, however, alter not duties. No man living knows what we will do with them or should do with them, for we are learning as we go along. The situation was not of our making, could not be of our preventing, and will not be one which we will abandon or run away from. The Philippines are a finality. We have them and we hold them. We will govern them under the universal right and obligation of the capable to govern the incapable, cast upon their hands. We will do to them the good which the Pilgrim and the Quaker, the Huguenot and the Cavalier would have done to the Indians, had the Indians had sense enough to accept it. They had not, and the rest followed. Good, or the consequences of the rejection of it, will follow in the Philippines. The world will not stop; it will go right on. The higher races will school or harness the lower ones to the work of the ages, and American newspapers should not capriciously forget that fact in their long outlook on events."

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The sweet girl graduate and the June bride are almost here.

Admiral Dewey has arrived at Hong Kong, homeward bound.

Buffalo, New York, is building a union depot at a cost of \$5,000,000.

Gov. Pingree of Michigan favors the enactment of a state income tax law.

Miss Julia Dent Grant, granddaughter of President Grant, is to wed a Russian prince.

Gen. Gomez is coming to Washington to confer with President McKinley about Cuban matters.

Bishop Worthington leaves Omaha for the east in June and will take up his residence in New Haven, Conn.

A company with a capital of \$10,000,000 has just been formed in Chicago to engage in the building of steel freight cars.

Democratic papers ought not to kick at the war deficit of \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year. The democratic party has always dreaded a surplus.

Fitzsimmons and Jeffries plan to have a scrap at Coney island June 9th. If these fellows want to fight why not send them to the Philippines?

While quite a number of eminent gentlemen are hustling for the speakership it is significant that Tom Reed has not resigned nor has anybody any assurance that he will.

In 1896 Nebraska voted for free coinage by a plurality of 13,500. Today, on the same issue, the fusionists would be beaten by a majority largely in excess of those figures.

There are now 5,000,000 American women who use tobacco. This statement would be more startling if it was not borne in mind that Filipino women are Americans.

A horseless carriage has started from Cleveland, Ohio, for New York City. The distance is more than 800 miles and it is expected that it will make the journey in five days.

Admiral Schley has spent the past several days at Omaha, the guest of Ex-Senator Manderson and has received from the people of all classes the heartiest and most enthusiastic greeting.

Clothing can be bought just as cheaply as it could under Cleveland's administration but wool is fifty per cent higher. Mr. Bryan will find it difficult to make a grand stand play before the farmers of the west in 1900.

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Mrs. Mary A. Livermore is in failing health and it is thought she cannot live long. In the agitation against slavery, as a nurse during the civil war, by her notable lectures and meetings against intemperance, and as an advocate of the ballot for women, Mrs. Livermore has been one of the most conspicuous and noble leaders of her generation. Although a born agitator, she was possessed of an unusual fund of practical common sense and this, together with her unquestioned sincerity, gained and held for her the respect of all who came within the range of her influence, regardless of whether they agreed or disagreed with the positions she took.

Delegates to the National Editorial association meeting to be held at Portland, Oregon, July 5, will go by special train over the Union Pacific, O. S. L. and R. N. to Portland. After the session at Portland, an excursion will be taken to Seattle and Tacoma, and from there to Vancouver, British possessions, and the return trip will be over the Canadian Pacific by way of Minneapolis. The trip will cover 20 to 25 days, but the secretary of the national association has not yet perfected his plans so as to make an estimate of the cost, though it will be in the neighborhood of \$100 for each person. The Nebraska association will be entitled to eight or ten delegates, and any member of the association is eligible to go. More detailed description of the trip will be published as soon as the same is received from the secretary of the national association. In the meantime those members of the state association who desire to go should write the president, W. N. Huse, at Norfolk, so that there may be no delay in the selection of delegates.

Few men have had such an opportunity to study and get acquainted with the Cuban people as Major General Leonard Wood. The difficulties under which he

has labored at Santiago have been most serious, but his opinion of these people is quite different from that often heard expressed and his hope for their future far brighter. In the North American Review regarding them, he says: "It is not intended to claim that the Cubans are without faults, or without a great many faults; but it is a fact beyond dispute that they have come out of a chaotic condition, following a most disastrous war, have gone through what has practically been a famine, and have maintained throughout a decent respect for life and property, which would have been most creditable to any people under similar conditions. The difficulties ahead of them lie in their own temperament. They have to learn, in civil affairs, to act with deliberation, to control their emotions, and, while many think they will be unable to do this, I am confident that they will succeed, knowing, as I do, how well they have conducted themselves during this most trying period of reconstruction."

The Distant Grave.
I know that Decoration day will soon be here again.

An' ma an' me are growin' flowers that will be ready then
To lay upon my comrades dear whose span of life is done
The comrades brave who fought an' marched with me in '61
An' when th' day arrives again then ma an' me will spread
Th' brightest flowers we can get above my comrades dead
An' while we decorate th' graves of those who marched with me
We'll not forget th' graves of them who marched with Gen'l Lee
Near forty years o' soffenin' time have banished every scar
An' we who fought each other then again united are
Th' bloody line dividing us was washed out by th' tears
We've shed above our comrades' graves through all th' weary years
An' who were the Union Blue an' those who wore th' Gray
Are marchin' side by side again, all for th' flag today
An' ma an' me are growing flowers, th' brightest an' th' best
To lay above th' narrow beds where soldier heroes rest
Yes, ma an' me are waitin' for the comin' of the day
When we can scatter flowers upon th' graves of Blue and Gray
An' as we go to where they sleep we'd live again th' years
When brother fought his brother an' th' land was filled with tears
But ma an' me will not forget our soldier son who died
A fightin' for the flag he loved across th' ocean wide
We'll decorate the graves that day amidst home's peaceful scenes
But th' grave we'd rather decorate is in the Philippines
—W. M. Manpin, in World-Herald.

DISTRICT REUNION.
Old Soldiers Anticipating a Grand Time at Plainview July 11 to 14.

Headquarters Northeast Nebraska G. A. R. Reunion District.—NORFOLK, Neb., May 18, 1899.—General Order No. 4: The annual Northeast Nebraska District reunion for 1899 will be held at Plainview on July 11th to 14th, inclusive, and the sixth annual district encampment for the election of officers and transaction of business will be held in G. A. R. hall, Plainview, on July 12th, at 2 p. m. All G. A. R. posts are urgently invited to send delegates to this encampment: one delegate at large, and one delegate for each ten members or major fraction thereof for each post in this district. It is earnestly hoped that every post in northeast Nebraska will be represented at the encampment.

The citizens of Plainview have their committees at work making preparations for the reunion and will spare no pains or expense to make the 1899 reunion surpass in interest and pleasure, if possible the grand reunion held there last year.

Requisitions for tents should be made early to P. H. Nelson, district quartermaster, Plainview, Nebraska.

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South Norfolk News.

Mrs. H. H. Hull is on the sick list.

Mrs. Hurlbert has gone home for a few days.

Miss Nellie Dingman spent Sunday with relatives in Council Bluffs.

Mr. Gannon has been very sick at his home on First street, with appendicitis.

Mr. Dolen has been called to his home in Iowa to see his mother who is very low.

Mr. Hagerman returned from Ohio last week where he has been to see his mother who is very sick.

Miss Rose Burchmore, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Gordon Frazier of Creston, has returned to this place.

A crowd of young people with a few of their elders to chaperone, went to the asylum last Thursday evening and reported a very delightful time.

Chris Anderson and his sister Josephine received new wheels this morning and by the happy look on their faces their friends new what had happened.

The young folks of this vicinity had a dance in Railway hall Monday evening. All report a good time and they did not go home till the early hours of morning.

Last Thursday evening while filling the tank on her gasoline stove, Mrs. Dingman stepped on a match and the gas ignited and the whole thing was soon in flames, but she grabbed the tank and threw it into the road where it exploded. Fortunately no one was hurt.

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